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Royalty To Be Chosen Thursday

Royalty to Be Elected From Nominees Appearing On Final List

SKATING EXHIBITION PART OF CROWNING

Nominations for the King and Queen of the Tenth Annual Winter carnival were announced Tuesday evening. They are the following seniors: Thomas H. Bennett, William J. Bursaw Jr., Moses G. Hubbard III, John M. Nugent, Ruth Hardy, E. Barbara Lown, Ruth H. Packard, and Elizabeth F. Wolfington.

Student vote will be in chapel on Thursday. Nominations were made through fraternities and organizations on campus.

Coronation Ceremony

Richard S. Morehouse '43 and Eleanor L. Dickie '42, co-chairmen of the coronation committee, have announced that the king and queen will be crowned by Prof. Robert Davis at 7:15 Thursday night on the gaily lighted ice rink behind Forest hall instead of in the chapel.

The royalty will wear robes of state, while the courtiers will wear ski clothes. Chapel bells will ring for half an hour before the coronation; and a trumpeter will herald the coming of the royal couple.

Skating Choruses

In the skating chorus which appears following the crowning ceremony, headed by J. Kedric Thayer '43 and Lois E. Groben '43, are Merritt F. Garland '41, Theodore R. Ogden '42, Charles C. Cotter '43, Lewis E. Haines '43, and Edward T. Peach '43. The women are Ellen L. Currie '41, Martha E. Collins '42, Lois A. Grimm '42, Grace M. Shailer '42, June M. Archibald '43, Virginia E. Clemens '43, Natalie F. Dane '43, Margaret K. Ferry '43, S. Carol Hartman '43, Jean Bell '44, Catharine C. Cadbury '44, E. Margery Carruthers '44, Lanice L. Dana '44, Ingrid H. Monk '44, Gertrude Nightingale '44, Barbara A. Seberry '44, and M. Shirley West '44.

Costumes for the skating chorus are in charge of Doris E. Wolff '43. One number will be done by women dressed in plaid skating costumes and caps.

MR. D. GRANT TO SPEAK IN CHAPEL

Mr. Donald Grant will lecture tonight in Mead chapel on "The War for Africa", under the auspices of the Institute of International Education. He is to speak in the chapel and before the C. C. class tomorrow on the topic of the Mediterranean and the war.

A graduate of Edinburgh university, Mr. Grant was instrumental in the organization of European Student relief after the last war. In connection with his work he has travelled extensively lecturing to European and British student audiences and during 1936-38 he lectured to students in this country. At present he is making a tour of North American colleges, and will leave for Montreal tomorrow.

Literary Club Plans Meeting On Wednesday

At its meeting a week from today the Literary club will criticize selected works of A. E. Housman, Walt Whitman, and W. B. Yeats. The poems chosen are those requested by the members during previous meetings.

Representing the past will be two short poems by Alfred Ernest Housman "The Nettle" and "Crossing Alone the Nighted Ferry." American literature will be represented in Whitman's eight line criticism of barren fact, "When I heard the Learn'd Astronomer." From the works of William Butler Yeats will be taken "A Deep Sworn Vow" which is about the haunting memory of one who "did not keep that deep-sworn vow."

In criticizing these poems the members will work from sheets to be distributed before the meeting. On the mimeographed papers "the selected poems have been printed, and ample space for critical notations to be added by the members is in the margin. The purpose in criticizing these poems is that in so doing the reader may better understand the form and appreciate the thought of the verses," remarked Peter J. Stanlis '42. The idea that a good poem wil stand up under criticism is at the very basis of such work."

All those interested in literature and critical discussions are invited to attend the meeting.

Community Forum Discusses Role Of United States In Present Crisis

"Immediate implications for the United States in the present world crisis" was the topic of the last Middlebury Community forum held Friday. The speakers at this time were Mr. Ellsworth B. Cornwall, Prof. Waldo H. Heinrichs and Mrs. William F. Hastings.

Mr. Cornwall, expressing the non-interventionist point of view, regarded the participation of the United States in the present conflict as unnecessary, emphasizing instead the exigency of maintaining democracy in this country. According to Mr. Cornwall, big business, technology, improved government control and regulation of industry are standing in the way of democracy which must be obtained in order to retain political democracy. He stated that the American people are not in a position to decide intelligently about the war because the facts are kept from them by the government.

Although not against aid for Britain, Mr. Cornwall further emphasized his position of non-intervention by saying that if the United States enters the war, we'll lose what democracy we have and won't get any more." In answer to the argument that Hitler would next attack the United States, the speaker replied that the feat of transporting modern equipment across the Atlantic was virtually impossible especially since Hitler had not been able to cross the English Channel.

Mrs. Hastings, the next speaker, expressed the middle road trend of opinion, wanting to extend as much aid to Britain as possible without upsetting the United States economic system or actually going to war.

In the opinion of Mrs. Hastings, the larger the defense program the nearer to a totalitarian state the United States would be, thus defeating the idea of keeping this country "a haven for democracy."

In his talk Professor Heinrichs indicated that he felt the facts were not understood in the two preceding arguments, stating that the present conflict is a death battle between two conflicting systems. If Britain, now in need of our industrial aid, should fall, the United States would face Germany alone.

Forum on War Planned In Week after Carnival

Advanced notice has just been received of a student forum on the war to take place during the week after Carnival under the sponsorship of the Women's Forum, the Panhellenic council, and the Progressive League.

Tentative plans as made by Helen L. West '41, Barbara York '42, and Peter N. Bohn '42 suggest that the forum will feature short speeches on the part that youth should take in regard to America's position in the present war. Each of the five speeches now arranged for the forum will be given by leading students on campus and will be followed by a period of open discussion and questions from the floor. As planned, the forum will be an entirely student affair open to the whole college, and minus the familiar element of professors on the stand or as chairmen.

1941 Carnival Plans Enter Final Week As Entire Program Nears Completion

"Fleecing the Greeks" Goes Into Final Stages of Development

GREEK COSTUMES, SCENES FEATURED

The 1941 Carnival Play to be presented Friday nght, February 14, in the High School gymnasium, will go into its final stages of production tomorrow night when the last dialogue rehearsal for the principle characters will be held.

Charles H. Kitchell '42, author and director of the play, announced that the scenery and costumes for the play are nearly completed with only the finishing touches to be added. The scenery is being painted by James Darrow '43, Marcia Sanders '42 and their assistants, and will consist of one scene which will be a hall in a Grecian palace. On each side of this scene will be Grecian columns which will set off the rest of the stage which is being painted in authentic colors of Greece. This will provide a contrast with the usual stage colors in that the tone of Greek coloring varies somewhat from that of the present day. The predominant colors will be red, gold, white and blue. The back of the stage will represent the hall, being left open to show a view of the countryside stretching out in the distance.

The lighting equipment for the play has been obtained from the Peterborough Players by Bruce George '43 who is in charge of stage lighting. It is expected that lighting of a much better quality will be obtained by the control of all lighting from the projection booth in the back of the hall; this will be effected by means of telephone communication between the control booth and the stage. This will aid in carrying the mood of the play to the audience in a different manner which has been planned but was not disclosed.

The second act of the play will prove particularly interesting in its novelty. It will contain a Greek banquet scene complete with wine, dancing, and song.

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DEBATING SQUADS DISCUSS PRESENT WORLD SITUATION

Men

Members of the men's debating team will debate teams from Harvard, Williams, and the University of Vermont during the next two weeks.

On February 12 Robert G. Crooks '44 and John E. Unterecker '44 will go to Williams to uphold the affirmative of the question, Resolved: That the nations of the western hemisphere should form a permanent union. This is to be a decision debate and will be be given before members of the freshman class at Williams. Unterecker will present the case for Middlebury while Crooks will cross-examine the negative speaker for Williams and then summarize the case.

Middlebury will meet the debating team from Harvard university on February 14 at Ludlow high school, Ludlow, Vermont. The question Resolved: That an immediate and permanent alliance with Great Britain be formed, will be debated by Kyle T. Brown '42 and Charles Pressman '44. The decision on this debate will be given by the audience.

LeRoy F. Hovey '41, Brown and Pressman will debate with U. V. M. on February 18 in the Munroe hall auditorium. This will be a cross-examination debate and fifty dollars in prizes will be awarded to the three best debaters.

Women

Ruth Hardy '41 and Alice J. Austin '42 debated yesterday afternoon at 4:30 in Munroe hall auditorium with members of the women's debating team from Boston university.

Those representing Boston university were Maialda Marietta and Freida Keller. They debated on the question, Resolved: That the nations of the western hemisphere should form a permanent union. It was a non-decision debate and there was a good audience.

Dr. Wiggam, Author, To Speak Tomorow

Dr. Albert Wiggam, scientist, author and lecturer will speak tomorrow night, at the High school auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Coming to Middlebury as one of the lecturers in the college entertainment series, Dr. Wiggam will speak on the topic of "Who Shall Inherit America." Dr. Wiggam's background and his ability as an author and lecturer on current scientific affairs makes him well qualified to present this subject.

As an expert, he has spent years of study in the living sciences of biology and psychology, and has recently published the well-known "New Decalogue of Science". His personal acquaintance with many of the leading scientists of the day, and his syndicated "Lets' Explore Your Mind," an illustrated popular science newspaper feature, make him peculiarly fitted to speak on the present condition of the scientific world.

Among his many works, the two books that are the best known are "Marks of a Clear Mind" and "Exploring the Mind with Pyschology". He also has written extensively for many years for such well-known magazines as Reader's Digest, Good Housekeeping, the American and Popular Science.

Students Enroll In Spring C.A.B. Work

Ground, Theory, and Pilot's Training are Started In Extended Flight Course

With the fall program completed, the C. A. B. has begun the second semester course for student aviators at Middlebury. Eighteen men and two women have signed up for ground school, which began Monday, and which will take ninety class hours instead of seventy-two as in former programs.

Prof. John G. Bowker, coordinator of aeronautical activities at Middlebury, will teach Civil Air regulations; Prof. Phelps N. Swett, meteorology; Prof. Benjamin F. Wissler, navigation; and Joe Rock, theory of aircraft.

Flying will begin on or before February 15 with Joe Rock, flight instructor, Norm Grady, instructor in the 1939-1940 program and another assistant.

Those taking the course are Edwin F. Gillette of the faculty, Steven H. Arnold '41, John J. Eagan '41, William Ferguson 3rd '41, John C. Johnson '41, Robert L. Johnson '41, Samuel O. Perry Jr. '41, John Talbott '41, Vernon M. Wright '41, Roger S. Arnold '42, Charles S. Beach '42, Kenneth R. Aldrich '43, Robert M. Byington '43, Russell P. Dale '43, Ralph C. de Castro '43, William J. McLoughry '43, Moncrieff J. Spear '43, Robert T. Wood '43, Marion E. Anderson '42, and Hope C. Rood '42.

Nineteen students finished the flight-training during the first semester and received private pilots' licences after passing the ground school examination on January 23.

Dr. Freeman Will Read From "Cyrano" Friday

Dr. Stephen A. Freeman will read in the Abernethy wing of the library this Friday at 4:30.

Doctor Freeman has chosen "Cyrano de Bergerac" by Edmond Rostand. He is to read several scenes and dialogues from this work in English. "Cyrano de Bergerac" is the story of a 17th century French cavalier. The play was first produced in 1897 and attained instant success. Since that time "Cyrano" has become a classic figure in French literature.

Rostrand wrote the play when he was only 29. The principal part was first taken by Constant Coquelin. Richard Mansfield brought it to New York in 1898. And more recently the part of Cyrano has been played by Walter Hampden, famous Shakespearean actor.

Combination Tickets For Events of Carnival Go On Sale

PHOTOS, WRITEUPS SEEN IN PROGRAM

Winter Carnival tickets have gone on sale and feature a combination ticket for $2.25, which will cover all events except the Ball and Klondike rush.

Other tickets include a combination for the ski events for $1.25; separate ski events are fifty cents for the jumping, forty cents each for the men's slalom and downhill events, and thirty-five cents each for the women's slalom and downhill contests.

Admission to the Carnival Ball will be $4.00 per couple, with a reduction to $3.50 for Mountain club members. The Klondike rush will be eighty cents per couple or stag, with a reduction of half the price for holders of combination tickets. For the remaining events, single admissions to the Casino will be fifteen cents and to the play sixty cents.

Those in charge of selling these tickets are: A. S. P. house, Elliot A. Baines '43; D. K. E. house, Moses G. Hubbard '41; K. D. R. house, Roger L. Easton '43; S. A. house, John Corbin '42; S. P. E. house, Page S. Ufford '43; C. P. lodge and Gifford hall, Howard A. Schleider '42; B. K. house and Hepburn hall, John W. Malm '41; D. U. house and Hepburn hall, Edward T. Peach '43; and Painter hall, Aldom H. Scott '43.

PROGRAMS

Programs for Middlebury's tenth annual Winter Carnival will go on sale at fifteen cents each during the last part of this week, according to an announcement by Marvin E. Holdredge '42, chairman of the publicity committee.

This year the programs will appear in booklet form, about five and a half by seven and a half inches, instead of last year's folder type. Featured on the cover to be printed in royal blue and rust red, will be a picture of a ski boot complete with harness, and drawn by Richard S. Morehouse '43.

Included in the program booklet are pictures of ski coach Dan Nupen and representatives of the Middlebury men's and women's ski teams. Other annual carnival events which will be represented with pictures are hockey, the play, the Carnival Ball, Klondike rush, coronation and the ice sculpture contest.

Other activities of the publicity committee will include the sale of postcard miniatures of the carnival poster. These will go on sale during the last part of this week, and will sell three for ten cents.

DINNER DANCE WILL BE GIVEN THIS SATURDAY BY LADIES IN WAITING

On Saturday the annual Ladies-in-Waiting Ball will be held in Forest recreation room. This ball is given as a dinner dance. Dancing begins at 5:00 p. m., dinner is served at around 7:00 and dancing continues until nearly 12:00. The Black Panthers are to provide the music for the ball, and the decorations will be worked out around a Valentine motif. The dance is a corsage affair.

Marjorie J. Tomlinson '42 is in charge of the ball. Those working on the decoration committee are Jean E. Jordan, chairman; Barbara M. Grow '41, June M. Archibald '43, Dorothy E. Forsythe '43, Donna R. Rogers '43 and Ingrid H. Monk '44. Members of the committee working on place cards are Marilyn J. Reynolds '41, chairman; Eunice M. Bory '41, E. Barbara Lown '41, Eine M. Ranta '43, Sarah M. Curtis '44, and M. Lesley Wilson '44.

Lucille Plasman '42, chairman; Virginia Brooks, '41, Charlotte E. Gilbert '41, Mary J. Kiely '41, Edith B. Ladd '41, Evelyn G. Parent '41, and Norma C. Winberg '41 are members of the program committee. Those on the chaperone committee are Sally Lou Hovey '43, chairman; Janice T. Eldredge '41, Jessie W. Matthew '41, Elaine G. Wadlund '41 and Betty M. Attenhofer '43.

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WAR AND PEACE

"While Europe is busy beating its plowshares into swords and pruning hooks into spears, locking libraries, burying art treasures and turning university dormitories into barracks, plans are quietly taking shape among the Middlebury Language schools for carrying forward as strongly as ever their share of the European academic tradition." That sentence began an article by Mr. W. Storrs Lee, Middlebury College editor, in a News Letter that appeared just a year ago.

In the latest issue of the News Letter—off the press on Friday of this week—Prof. Stephen A. Freeman, dean of the French school, not only bears out Mr. Lee's statement in an article entitled "Language and the War," but also gives answer to the question, "What effect is the war in Europe having upon the study of modern foreign languages?"

President of the American Association of Teachers of French, Professor Freeman knows whereof he speaks. He says: "A poll of 101 representative colleges and universities in the country. . . shows a decrease in French enrollments of 15% from last year, or a decrease of 12% from 1937. German enrollments show a drop of only 3% in a poll of 333 institutions. At the same time, enrollments in Spanish show an increase of 21% over last year, or 34% increase since the fall of 1937."

Cited as the reason for the upturn in Spanish is the bigger interest in South American republics, and the government's policy of closer relations with her southern cousin. The comparatively small decrease in German enrollments Professor Freeman calls "encouraging." He says " . . .to date the American student seems to remember that a knowledge of German is a first-class weapon in our battle against the Nazis." French enrollment in Middlebury has remained "approximately the same. . . "

What is gratifying to note is the long-range view that seems to prevail in Middlebury's summer language schools. No one would deny where his sympathies lie; no one would harm the languages that are an integral part of this college. Professor Freeman quotes M. Paul Hazard's opinion that, "It is the task of the language teachers to make it understood that humanity is not limited to a single moment, the present, and to a single nation, however powerful it may be."

There is war in Europe. There is peace in Middlebury's language schools. This inner harmony in the midst of outer strife is something that is not so common these days; it is something that deserves merit and applause, especially when Professor Freeman can end his article by saying that, "Both in winter and summer, the schools of French, German, Italian and Spanish work together in the closest harmony. . . International politics are forgotten, and the French school invites the German school to a Beethoven concert; the Italian school stages a feast by lantern for the French school faculty, or serenades the Spanish school under the windows of Hepburn hall."

—M. F.

College Calendar

Wednesday
8:00 p. m. Donald Grant, lecturer Mead chapel
Thursday
8:15 p. m. Dr. Wiggam, lecture, high school gymnasium
Friday
Ski team, Dartmouth Carnival, away
4:30 p. m. Dr. Freeman, reading Abernethy library
Saturday
Fencing, St. Lawrence university, away
8:00 p. m. Basketball, Mass. State, here
Relay, B. A. A. games Boston
5:00 p. m. Ladies-in-Waiting Ball
9:00 p. m. B. K. informal dance
Sunday
5:00 p. m. James T. Cleland, chapel speaker
Tuesday
Hockey, Northeastern, away
7:00 p. m. Student Union meeting Mead chapel

NOTICES

The following books are missing from the open shelves of the reserve room of the library: Am. Lit. 42.1 Whitman's "Democratic Vistas," Whitman's "Two Prefaces" copy 2. Hist. 22 Burgess, "Middle Period", Hunt, "Life One-Hundred Years Ago".

The following are missing from the cage; in all cases claimed not to be in the possession of those to whom they were charged: Pol. Sci. 21 Reed, "Municipal Government of the United States", Pol. Sci. 22 Gooch, "Government of England", G. and G. 25.1 U. S. Bureau of the Census, "Biennial Census of the Manuafcaturers, 1931".

Bread Loaf Scholarships Open to Juniors, Seniors

Members of the junior and senior classes are reminded that applications for schorlarships in English at the Bread Loaf summer school must be filed at Prof. H. G. Owen's office before February 15. These scholarships are designed to promote interest in graduate English work, and the credits may be used either for extra credits on the B. A. degree or for credits toward a Master's degree.

The scholarships are designed to cover tuition, and arrangements can be made to cover the other costs of a summer's studies.

PLAYERS TO WEAR GREEK COSTUMES

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The play will be in three acts and will be presented with the same scenery.

The costumes are being assembled under the direction of Sarah C. Tyler '42 and her committee and will follow the theme of the play. The programs for the production are under the direction of Viola M. Guthrie '42.

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Rabbi Alan Green Lectures On Jews' Return To Palestine, Promised Land

By Doris A. Orth '44

Rabbi Alan Green spoke in Mead chapel on the evening of January 22 using his topic "Palestine, the Homeland of the Jews." This address was one in a series of four lectures given to students; two were addressed to the C. C. classes and the fourth to the student body in chapel Wednesday morning.

"Palestine is a land of future, hope and promise for the Jews," stated Rabbi Green. It is a country where old meets new, past meets future and East meets West. Of the fifteen and one-half million Jews in the world there are five million in America and one-half million in Palestine. The rest are dominated and oppressed by totalitarian nations. Approximately two hundred thousand Jews have migrated into Palestine since 1933. Their need to find a place of freedom of self-expression is fulfilled by this land of future, Palestine.

In Palestine, the Jew is given a life of his own; he attends Hebrew schools and reads Hebrew literature. He has organized a system of cooperative villages with from forty to fifty men in each branch. In the most cooperative town, money is not needed. Under a Freeholder's settlement each family has its own, does its own work and can hire no one. Adequate sickness unemployment insurance and hospitalization are granted by a Workers' organization.

The Arabs in Palestine present a problem. They feel that the country should be for Arabs alone. This problem is, first of all, political. Great Britain promised independence to the Arabs and then turned around with the Balfour declaration giving it as a haven for the Jews.

Secondly, the problem is emotional. The Arabs resent the influx of Europeanized Jews. Riots have proven their displeasure at several different times. It must be admitted, however, that since the immigration of Jews the Arab standard of living nas been greatly raised. The Jews have tried to relieve problems in Palestine.

JAMES T. CLELAND VESPERS SPEAKER

Rev. James T. Cleland from Amherst will speak in chapel this Sunday.

The guest speaker is at present the Stone Associate professor at Amherst. He teaches two courses, one concerned with the Old and New Testaments, and the other with life of Jesus.

In addition to his position in Amherst, Reverend Cleland holds a number of degrees. He has M. A. and B. D. degrees from Glasgow, Scotland. Another foreign degree, S. T. M. or Master of Sacred Theology, has also been conferred upon him.

This is Reverend Cleland's first visit to Middlebury.

W. A. A.

Sara O. Martenis '41 Wins Downhill Ski Race at St. Lawrence

Saturday morning at the St. Lawrence university Winter Carnival, Sara O. Martenis '41, and Lucia D. Powell '41 took first and third places respectively in the downhill race. Miss Martenis did the slope in 37.9 seconds, coming in four seconds ahead of Nancy Essex of Syracuse university. Miss Powell's time was 40.4; Margaret A. Fell '42 placed fourth; Jean E. MacDonald '42 placed seventh, and Helen G. Rice '41 finished eighth.

In the slalom, Miss Powell finished sixth, about ten seconds behind the winning time of the Syracuse winner, Nancy Essex.

Five members of the Middlebury Women's Ski team attended the invitation meet. The races were run for individual honors and no team scoring was made. No results have been announced as yet for the other races.

Dan Nupen, Men's ski coach, has been giving the women's ski team lessons on Bread Loaf open slope and at Chapman hill, since Christmas vacation.

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Touching the Bases
By MARTIN

(Bob Halligan, pinch-hitting for Bob Martin).

During my recent sojourn in New York city, I happened to have a conversation with one of the boys working in my office, and putting one word after another, we finally arrived upon the interesting topic of skiing. Or at least I did. Breezing along in great fashion I mentioned a few basic terms regarding the sport, such as ski jump, stem, christy, et al; and in his typical New York manner, this is what he made of them:

ski jump----------Polish swing dance
herring bone --------part of a fish
stem ----------part of a flower
slalom ----a fish what swims upstream
christie ----nickname for Christopher

I thought back to the winter of 1938, when I first arrived in Middlebury.

At that time I had no greater knowledge of skiing than my friend but I found a great number of people, who not only knew what those terms meant, but also knew how to execute them proficiently. Not only did they know how, but they did so, very often and very enthusiastically. They were members of the Middlebury ski teams--

Yessir, under the leadership of their first imported ski instructor, and with the introduction of Eddie Gignac, Ira Townsend and Dwight Smith—to a college which already had Bob Gale, and Mel Carter, the ski team at Middlebury became known throughout the East to be one of the best. Finally the boys were rewarded by having the college authorities name skiing as a major sport at the end of that 1938-39 season.

Then the next year came, the year when the Panthers were going to beat Dartmouth at their own game, but things did not quite happen that way. Funny thing too, because the boys had the benefit of a year's experience and two more top flight skiers entered school, John Gale and Bob Stuart. Nevertheless, the team started on the downward trail. The same bunch of boys; Eddie Gignac, about whom anyone could say "the finest college jumper in the country" with plenty of reason; Ira Townsend, an excellent skier in all departments; the Gale boys, hell-bent for-leather slalom and downhill runners; and Stuart, who overcame the handicap of a leg injury, to emerge a serious threat in any competition. But the spark is gone, as it was gone last year. Where?

One could say it went to Lebanon, New Hampshire this week with Gignac; or one could say that it went to the student body, which is now thoroughly bitten by the ski bug.

Considering the cart before the horse, let me take the latter case. Two years ago a large percentage of the student body had never skied in their lives; they thought basketball and hockey were THE winter sports. But now look at them. Chapman, Chapel hill and Chapman may sound like tongue twisting alliteration, but to a ski-togged Middleburyite it's as simple as a stem christie. But what happened to the varsity team?

"The finest college jumper in the country," known in New York city, in Podunk, Minnesota, in fact any place where somebody owned a pair of skis—and Eddie Gignac left school. And Dwight Smith didn't bother to go out for the team this year, and Johnny Gale skis at Stowe, winning second place, ahead of the great Ted Hunter—formerly of Dartmouth, while the Middlebury ski team is at Williamstown, competing in a carnival which means quite a bit.

But I guess a major sport doesn't mean much up here in Middlebury, nor does any other sport for that matter. There doesn't seem to by any enthusiasm on the part of the participating athletes, and although it is trite to speak of getting out there and fighting for the Blue and White, it is a shame that such action is considered "corny". In some cases it is possible to say that the boys have not the ability, and while this is a rather rotten thing to do, it is done with no malice towards those particular individuals. But I really don't believe that the Middlebury ski team can't do better than they have done thus far. As the saying goes we've got the team, but the steam is sadly lacking.

Eddie Gignac

Hockey Team To Meet Northeastern

Game With University to Be Held at Boston Next Tuesday

The Middlebury sextet have one of their hardest assignments of the year cut out for them next Tuesday, when they meet the hard hitting Northeastern university hockey team led by their star, Capt. Cusik.

The Northeastern team is reputed to be one of the strongest in the league and with frequent use of their first line will undoubtedly give the Middicemen more than they have had to cope with thus far this year. Both teams have three lines which they use interchangeably but the university team has its first string line which is the strongest collegiate line in the Eastern states. The Boston team seems to have the edge on the Middmen in their offensive which is fast breaking and hard pressing all the time.

As far as the defense of the teams goes it should be a good contest with the Middlebury defense relying on their three big men, Wishinski, Mayo and Gale. These boys make a formidable trio and will serve as breaking point for the Northeastern team's attack, which will probably center around their Capt. Cusik who has received considerable attention throughout the league. The invaders' defense is centered around Cunningham, a hard checking veteran of several years experience who is noted for his ability to backcheck. This is something that the Middlebury team will find hard to meet since they do not set up their plays fast thus making them vulernable before they get going. Northeastern beat M. I. T. 12-1 and lost to Boston college 9-5.

Starting for Middlebury in their ice encounter with Norwich this afternoon on the home ice will probably be Bill Mayo and Jack Young on the defense, Jack and Freddie Bates on the wings, and Dixie Davis at the goal and Stan Johnson at center. Game time is three-thirty.

Middlebury Challenges St. Lawrence Fencers

A six man fencing team will leave Saturday for a two weapon bout with St. Lawrence university at Canton, N. Y. James A. Turley '41, Jack Corbin '42, Louis E. Haines '43, George W. Nitchie '43, William A. Small '43, and Stephen G. Wilson '43 will comprise the team.

Norm Turley Coaching

This is the first year that St. Lawrence has entered collegiate competition in fencing. Their team has been organized by Norman A. Turley, formerly a member of the Middlebury fencing team, and Saturday will be their first match of the year. The members of the team have had previous experience in preparatory and high school fencing but since they have had no collegiate record their strength is unknown.

Turley, Corbin, Haines, and Small will probably fence two weapons. Wilson will fill the foil position and Nitchie, epee. The match against St. Lawrence is the team's first one following the Christmas trip. It will serve as a warmup for the match against Boston university a week from this Saturday. Contrary to the Carnival program the Boston university engagement will be held in the afternoon.

Middlebury Loses Services of Gignac

Star Skier Leaves College At End of Semester; Hopes to Fly

Eddie Gignac, one of the best jumpers in the East, has completed his two years of college credit at Middlebury and has left school.

Eddie came to Middlebury from Kimball Union academy three years ago. On his repuatation as a prep school star he traveled to California and jumped against the world's best skiers. Returning, he took second place in the Dartmouth jumping event with the longest leap of the day. At the Middlebury carnival he took the jumping and downhill events and placed second in the slalom. Last year he lost the intercollegiate jumping title he won the year before in the only collegiate event he lost all season.

The height of Gignac's skiing career came during his last winter at K. U. A. Entering the Eastern Jumping Championships and leaping for the first time in class A competition, Gignac won the second most important title in the country. During his freshman year at Middlebury, Gignac made an exhibition tour of the United States with the foremost riders in the skiing world, including the world's champion, Birger Ruud, and the national title holder, Reider Anderson.

This year his college standing has been somewhat in doubt and illness at home prevented his competing in the Lake Placid meet. He has spent some time in Middlebury as a ski instructor. He is a member of Kappa Delta Rho.

Eddie took the C. A. A. course this year and hopes to enter one of the air corps of the United States. If his diminutive size prevents this, he will ski for the remainder of the winter.

Mass. State To Play Basketball Here Saturday

Barring further injury, Captain Nick Krauszer is expected to lead the Midd quintet into action Saturday night against a strong Massachusetts State aggregation. Krauszer has been on the sidelines for two or three weeks suffering from a broken finger.

With the addition of Krauszer, Middlebury's chances soar somewhat. In their last game with the University of Vermont, the team showed considerable improvement, and their spirit was particularly laudable. The team, however, is lacking in guards, and now, with Earle Bishop ineligible, the situation has become extremely acute. The freshman may offer a solution to the problem, but as yet it's early to tell just what they have in the line of talent.

Massachusetts State has enjoyed a fairly successful season this year, most notable of their victories being the one over Williams. The latter defeated Middlebury 44-32 at Williamstown earlier this year.

Intramurals

The intra-mural hockey season gets into full swing tonight at 7:00 p. m. when the Chi Psis meet Delta Kappa Epsilon on the college rink.

On the night following, at the same time, the Neutrals are scheduled to encounter Sigma Alpha fraternity. During the period of rest for these two teams, D. U. will meet B. K. On February 7, at 7:00 p. m., A. S. P. will oppose K. D. R., with Sig Ep fighting it out with the winner of the Chi Psi-D. K. E. encounter during the rest period.

Semi-finals will be held February 18 at 7:00 p. m. The date of the finals is to be announced.

All team handball entries must be in this coming Friday. Judging from the contest for individual championship, won by Marty Wittlin, the Neutrals should stand a strong chance of gaining team honors. Close to them will be K. D. R. with Summy House, runner-up in the individual contest playing for them.

An important change has been announced by Mr. Kelley as regards the intra-mural track season. Instead of holding the decathalon as in previous years, there will be two relays, one a mile, with each man running 440 yards, and the other, a medley, the first two men running one lap, the third running four laps, and the fourth six laps. No points will be given, but a cup will be awarded the victorious teams.

The regular board relay run will be held, but the distance has been cut from two laps to one and a half per man. Points will be given as in previous years. Beginning next year these points will be given in all events.

Any undergraduate is eligible for the relays, but no man may enter more than two of the three events. Entries must be filed with the athletic director not later than February 13. Regular relay will start February 14 and continue through the week. The week following, beginning February 24, will be the medley relay, and then beginning March 3, the regular mile relay will be run.

RELAY TEAM WILL NOT COMPETE IN BAA MEET THIS COMING WEEKEND

Coach Arthur M. Brown stated Monday that the Middlebury Indoor Relay team will not attend the B. A. A. indoor track meet to be held this coming Saturday due to lack of practice and the conflict of exams with practice.

Middlebury did not send its team to the Prout games held last week inasmuch as it conflicted with exams. It was decided that since the track team could not make a good showing due to their lack of practice that it would be better not to have the team entered at all. Previously, the team has been entered in the belief that enough practice could be had without conflicting with exams.

The only Middlebury man who will compete in the B. A. A. games is Jackie Hicks, who will run the fifty yard dash. Hicks was eliminated in the semi-finals of the V. F. W. games held January 11.

Middlebury Ski Team To Compete At Dartmouth Carnival This Week

After finishing in last place at the Williams Carnival last weekend, Midd travels over to Hanover this coming Friday, Saturday and Sunday to compete against eight other teams in the 31st annual Dartmouth College Outing Club Carnival.

This will be the last try Middlebury will have in which to prove its power before its own festivities on February 14 and 15. And keen will be the competition at Hanover, too. Besides the regular entries, Harvard, New Hampshire, Norwich, University of Vermont, McGill and Dartmouth, there will be two newcomers, University of Wisconsin and a group of Chilean skiers. The Chileans are up visiting North America during what is their summer. The entrance of McGill, one of the oldest rivals in the Dartmouth Carnival history comes as somewhat of a surprise. It is the only Canadian college that has been permitted to compete with American colleges since the outbreak of the European war.

Dartmouth just walked off with the Williams Carnival and is traditionally strong in all departments. Charlie McLane, captain and champion of combined inter-collegiate cross-country and jumping events is the host's big threat. Norwich, boasting its jumping ace, Merrill Barber, placed a very strong second at the same meet. McGill, in spite of its handicaps, is expected to be a bidder for top honors.

Middlebury will send Captain Bob Gale, his brother John, Ira Townsend, and Bob Sheehan to compete in the downhill, jumping, cross-country, and slalom events.

The events begin Friday morning at nine with the downhill events. In the afternoon, the fifteen kilometer cross-country event will be run. Saturday the slalom event will be held in Oak Hill at eight-thirty, followed by the jumping at two o'clock. The fifth event, the combined cross-country and jump, will be decided on paper according to scores.

Dartmouth Victorious At Williams

Green Takes Marginal First As Cadets Secure Second Place

A quartet of Middlebury skiers invaded Williamstown, Massachusetts, last weekend with hopes of making a much improved showing over their effort thus far this year, but when the judges arrived with their final results of team score the perennially strong Dartmouth squad had captured first place, closely challenged by the second place Norwich team, while Williams, Amherst, Yale, and Middlebury finished in that order.

Captain Charlie McLane of Dartmouth was the first to win an individual title, annexing the cross country race which was the initial event of the competition. In this race, the versatile veteran Ira Townsend led his Middlebury cohorts to third place in team score, while he won the same position among the individual skiers.

Improvement Shown

But Middlebury showed improvement from then on. In the slalom race Townsend led again, this time finishing first by nosing out Ed Little of the Big Green by the slim margin of 2/100 of a second, as he completed the course in 1:19:6. Three other Middlebury men finished very close to the top as Bob Gale was right behind Little, his time being 1:22:6; Valens, the Amherst ace outran Bob Sheehan for fourth place by the same margin of 2/100 of a second; and the number six position found Bob Stuart in a tie with McLane at 1:24. This fine showing enabled Middlebury to capture first place among the teams for the slalom event.

However it was the jump which provided the thrills of the day, as the difficult landing hill proved the downfall of numerous competitors. It was in this spectacular event that Merrill Barber, famed jumper of the greatly improved Norwich team, captured first place with a beautiful jump of 123 feet, breaking the former record for that particular jump by seventeen feet, a record which was previously held by Birger Torrissen of the American Olympic team.

Barber Stars

Matching this record-breaking leap with a second effort which sent him soaring a more conservative 99 feet, Barber easily led the field for the day. For Middlebury, Bob Sheehan won fourth place, and in the process he also broke the old record by two feet by leaping an excellent 108. Ira Townsend and Bob Gale finished in that order for the Panthers, while Bob Stuart completed the list. Although Stuart did not fare too well in point score for the event, he did manage to be the third man of the day to soar more than 106 feet, his best jump being measured at 111 feet, but he unfortunately fell in the process.

Stuart was not the only man to meet his fate during the afternoon's jumping; in fact the number of spills was great. Charlie McLane, usually among the first five, finished far down on the list for this very reason. Earlier in the day, "Babe" Sawyer took a hard landing without falling, but managed to aggravate his knee injury to the extent that he was unable to compete during the afternoon, which, by the way, probably cost Norwich first place.

But the event which ruined any chances of Middlebury's finishing close to the top was the downhill run, in which two of the men, Sheehan and Stuart, were disqualified. It was Dartmouth who led the field here, with Bob Meservey finishing in 2:37:4 for first place, with Capt. McLane close behind. Ira Townsend was again the first Middlebury man to finish, but his was fifth place behind Cootey of Norwich and Valens of Amherst, in the time of 2:49:4. Bob Gale completed the Blue and White scoring by taking the fifteenth spot in spite of a spill part way down the hill.

Surprise of the weekend was the showing of the Norwich team. Finishing up without the services of Babe Sawyer, the Cadets took a second and placed themselves as a major threat this winter.

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